

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01252-ABJ**

CITIZENS UNITED v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
 STATE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/30/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/30/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5506057) filed by CITIZENS UNITED. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons to Dept of State, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>5</u> Exhibit A, # <u>6</u> Exhibit B, # <u>7</u> Exhibit C)(Morgan, Jeremiah) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
05/30/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS UNITED (Morgan, Jeremiah) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
05/30/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zsth) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
05/30/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant must file an answer or otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint by September 10, 2018.

		Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 07/13/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
09/10/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before October 10, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 09/12/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
10/10/2018	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT and Proposed Schedule by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's status report <u>7</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties shall file by November 7, 2018 a joint status report on defendant's search and a proposal for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/11/18. (DMK) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
10/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: the parties shall file by 11/7/2018 a Joint Status Report on defendant's search and a proposal for further proceedings. (jth) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
11/07/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated status report by November 28, 2018, if the matter has not been resolved by then. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/08/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file an updated status report by January 8, 2019, if the matter has not been resolved by then. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/28/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
01/07/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion to Stay. Defendant must notify the Court within two business days of the resumption of government operations and propose a revised schedule for the filing of the joint status report that was due on January 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/9/19. (DMK) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Restored Government Funding and Proposed Schedule by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the government's notice <u>11</u> , the stay in this case is lifted and the parties must submit a joint status report by February 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 01/29/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/29/2019)